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MAY 2015

Upcoming Events.

Sunday, May 10, 2015 @ 10:00 A.M. ***Ivy Pride Alliance LA Presents...LGBT Griffith Park Hike***

Location: Griffith Park (Los Angeles)
Cost: Cash food and beverages

Sunday, May 17, 2015 @ 5:00 P.M. ***Ivy Pride Alliance LA Presents...Terrace Party***

Location: Private Home (West Hollywood)
Cost: \$5 per person at the event

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M. ***Tour the Thomas Heatherwick Design Studio Exhibit at the Hammer***

Location: UCLA Hammer Museum (Los Angeles)
Cost: \$10, members; \$15, non-members

Sunday, May 31, 2015 @ 5:00 P.M. ***The 2015 Harvard Club Annual Dinner & Awards***

Location: Madera Kitchen (Los Angeles)
Cost: \$80/members & guests; \$90/non-members;
\$70/Recent Grads (Classes of '11 - '15)

Tuesday, June 9, 2015 @ 8:00 P.M. ***Waterfall, The Musical at the Pasadena Playhouse***

Location: Pasadena Playhouse (Pasadena)
Cost: \$40 per person

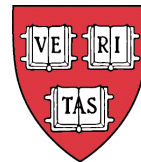
July 9 and 10, 2015 @ 8:00 P.M. ***Harry Connick, Jr. at the Hollywood Bowl***

Location: Hollywood Bowl (Hollywood)
Cost: \$115 per ticket (G Level)

Friday-Sunday - July 17-19, 2015 ***Inter-Ivy & MIT Young Alum Camping Trip in Big Bear***

Location: Bluff Mesa Group Camp (San Bernadino)
Cost: \$35 per attendee

Sunday, May 31, 2015:



2015 Harvard Club Annual Dinner Features a "Masquerade" Theme

You are invited to attend the annual membership meeting and awards dinner. We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of three members of our local community, Lucy Jones, PhD, Erwin Chemerinsky, JD '78 and Dr. Albert Chang, AB '63. This year's theme is "Masquerade."

The intrigue, the suspense . . . Who is behind that gold masque? Could it be a classmate from your days at Harvard, a current colleague? You'll never know until you come to the annual Harvard Club award dinner. Come in your favorite disguise as the theme is "Masquerade." That's right, wear your favorite masque to the gala, and have fun figuring out who that mystery person is. (Dressing in disguise is optional)



The 2015 **John Harvard Award for Distinguished Service to the Community** will be presented to **Lucy Jones, Ph.D.** Dr. Jones has been a seismologist with the US Geological Survey and a Visiting Research Associate at the Seismological Laboratory of Caltech since 1983. She currently serves as Science Advisor for Risk Reduction in the Natural Hazards Mission of the US Geological Survey, leading long-term science planning for natural hazards research. She also leads the SAFRR Project (Science Application for Risk Reduction) to apply USGS science to reduce risk in communities across the Nation. In 2014, she partnered with the City of Los Angeles, serving as

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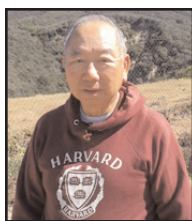
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the Mayor's Science Advisor for Seismic Safety and has led the development of a critically important, comprehensive plan for securing the water system, safeguarding communication infrastructure and retrofitting buildings in the city to make them earthquake safe.



The **2014 Educator of the Year Award** will be presented to **Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, HLS '78**. Dean Chemerinsky is the founding Dean and Distinguished Professor of Law, and Raymond Pryke Professor of First Amendment Law, at the UC Irvine School of Law. He also taught for 21 years at the USC School of Law. His areas of expertise are constitutional law, federal practice, civil rights and civil liberties, and appellate litigation. He is the author of eight books, including "The Case Against the Supreme Court" published in 2014, and more than 200 articles in top law reviews. He frequently argues cases before the nation's highest courts, including the United States Supreme Court.



The **Fred Smith Award** for Outstanding Service to the Harvard Club of Southern California will be presented to **Dr. Albert Chang, AB '63**, immediate past President of the club and past VP for Programs.

Club Dinner Details (deadline to register is May 23rd):

Date: Sunday, May 31, 2015
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Madera Kitchen
1835 Cahuenga Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90028
Cost: \$80/members & guests
\$90/non-members (including
\$20 discount off of Club Membership)
\$70/Recent Grads (Classes of '11 – '13)
Register: <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>
Contact: Eva Plaza, Plaza@theplazagroup.com



Volunteer in a School



Here's an opportunity to do your part for education and learn first-hand about Los Angeles public schools. 32nd St./USC Magnet School — a K-12 arts and math-sci magnet — welcomes volunteers for the coming school year. Please contact Priscilla Heim at prheim@verizon.net or at 310-472-4478 for further information.

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Harvard Class of 2019 - Admissions Receptions and Update

Harvard College sent admission notifications to 1,990 of the record 37,307 students who had applied for admission to the Class of 2019.

Admitted students to the Class of 2019 at a reception held at the home of Cynthia and Charles Hirschhorn '79, P'13, '16 in Pacific Palisades

“The Admissions Committee has assembled a class that promises to be one of the best in Harvard’s long history,” said William R. Fitzsimmons, dean of admissions and financial aid. “It will be exciting to witness their progress during their Harvard years and beyond.” For 90 percent of American families, it costs less to attend Harvard than one of the nation’s public universities. “Bringing promising students to Harvard is our main objective, and we believe that financial circumstances should never cloud a student’s decision to apply,” said Sarah C. Donahue, Griffin Director of Financial Aid. “That is why we remain committed to supporting every admitted student with need-based aid.”

The Class of 2019 will arrive from cities, suburbs, and small towns throughout the United States, bringing a strong international presence as well. In Southern California, 140 students of a record 2,833 applicants were admitted to the Class of 2019. About one in 20 applicants from Southern California were offered admission to Harvard’s Class of 2019 – essentially mirroring Harvard’s overall selectivity.

Receptions were held in Newport Beach on April 11 and Pacific Palisades on April 12 to congratulate these students and their parents and to thank the hundreds of alumni who interviewed candidates. Class of 2019 admits are attending Visitas on the weekend of April 25th.



Admitted students at the reception in Newport Beach



Coach Amaker chats with attendees at Hancock Park reception

Harvard Men’s Basketball Coach Tommy Amaker Visits So Cal - 4/16/15

The Harvard Club of Southern California and the Friends of Harvard Basketball welcomed Tommy Amaker, The Thomas G. Stemberg '71 Family Endowed Coach for Harvard Men’s Basketball to Los Angeles on April 16, 2015. Over 70 members, former players, other alumni, and parents of current players attended a reception at the home of Dr. Sonia Molina DMD '89, PH '89 in Hancock Park. With introductions by Courtney B. Vance '82, Keith Webster '87 moderated the fireside chat with Coach Amaker, who shared his thoughts on his coaching and recruiting philosophy, the role of the men’s basketball team in the broader Harvard community as well as the role of the Harvard community in the success of the men’s basketball program. At the helm of the men's basketball team, Coach Amaker has helped guide the Crimson to six straight 20-win seasons, five consecutive Ivy League championships, and four NCAA appearances in a row.

Photograph: Coach Amaker and several board members of the Harvard Club of Southern California (from left to right: Madeleine Mejia, EdM '00, Courtney B. Vance AB '82, Sonia Molina DMD '89, MPH '89, Maurice Levin AB '79, MBA '84, Coach Amaker, President Kay Park, MD, AB '87, John Wang AB '88, and Lisa Watanabe-Peagler AB '02)



Tour the Thomas Heatherwick Design Studio Exhibit at the Hammer



Photos courtesy of Iwan Bann

Please join us for this docent-led tour of the extraordinary work of noted British architect and designer Thomas Heatherwick. *Provocations: The Architecture and Design of Heatherwick Studio* examines the astonishing range of the studio's practice, which includes works of architecture, furniture, fashion, and industrial design. The exhibition features models and documentation of the studio's most widely known designs, such as London's new double-decker buses and London's 2012 Olympic Cauldron.

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: UCLA Hammer Museum (Los Angeles)
Cost: \$10, members; \$15, non-members
Contact: Ed Ogosta, e.ogosta@gmail.com



Harry Connick, Jr. at the Hollywood Bowl (Two Nights)

Harry Connick Jr. and his big band kick off the Hollywood Bowl's Weekend Spectacular series with romantic ballads and pop classics. Join us for this incredible event!

Showered with awards and recognition for his live and recorded musical performances, and for his achievements on screens large and small and the Broadway stage, Harry Connick, Jr. has exemplified excellence in every aspect of the entertainment world.

Date: Thursday and Friday, July 9 and 10, 2015
Time: 8:00 P.M.
Location: Hollywood Bowl (Hollywood, CA)
Cost: \$115 per ticket (G Level)
Contact: Eva Plaza, plaza@thelazalawgroup.com



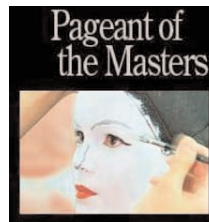
Waterfall, The Musical at the Pasadena Playhouse

Join us at WATERFALL at The Pasadena Playhouse. The performance will be followed by a Post-Show Talk with the Artists and Dr. Wenli Jen, EdM '06.

WATERFALL is a new musical headed to Broadway with a majority Asian American cast. Catch it now before it goes to New York, and support the APFC community. Check them out at their Facebook event: APFC Night at WATERFALL at The Pasadena Playhouse.

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2015
Time: 8:00 P.M.
Location: Pasadena Playhouse (Pasadena)
Cost: \$40 per person
Contact: Dr. Wenli Jen at wjen@pacificclinics.org

2015 Pageant of the Masters:



The Pursuit of Happiness

Please join us for our annual trip to see this memorable event in Laguna Beach. We have excellent Main Tier Center seats and will host a light food and drink event before the show at the picnic on the grounds of the venue. Attendees can also see live music and visit the Festival of Arts, one of the nation's oldest fine art shows. HCSC board member German Enciso is scheduled to perform in one of the tableaux at the Pageant this year.

Date: Saturday, July 24, 2015
Time: 8:30 P.M.
Location: Festival of Arts (Laguna Beach)
Cost: \$75 (Main Tier Center)
Contact: German Enciso, enciso@uci.edu



2015-2016 CLUB ELECTION BALLOT

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Club By-Laws, the Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following nominations for officers and directors of the Harvard Club of Southern California for the year 2015-2016:

<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>
/	President	Kay L. Park, MD, AB '87
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/	VP Membership	James Low MBA '09
/	VP Radcliffe	Beverlee Bickmore AB '64, MPA '74
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/	VP Education	JoAnn McKenna AB '65
/	Secretary	German A. Enciso, HMS Research Fellow '07-'09
/	Past President	Albert Chang, MD, AB '63

Term Ending 2016

<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>
/	Director	Gus Frias, EdM '94
/	Director	Herbert D. Goldman MD, AB '76
/	Director	Ed Ogosta MAR '01
/	Director	Ethel Seminario-Laczko GSE '84
/	Director	Kevin Wegener MBA '08

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/	Director	Maurice Levin AB '79, MBA '84
/	Director	Sonia Molina DMD '89, MPH '89
/	Director	Jordan Reddout AB '10
/	Director	Russell Riopelle AB '86
/	Director	John Wang AB '88

Term Ending 2018

/	Director	Ethan Brown, JD '96
/	Director	Chi H. Bui DMD '02
/	Director	Lindsay Louie AB '11
/	Director	E. Dryden Pence III AB '82
/	Director	Patric M. Verrone AB '81
/	Director	Kenneth S. Williams AB '78

This slate of candidates has been approved by the Board of Directors. All candidates are running unopposed. Members may vote for every candidate on the Election Slate should they choose to do so.

Marked ballots must be delivered to the Club Secretary by 6/28/15:

Harvard Club of Southern California, c/o Eva Plaza, The Plaza Law Group, 11040 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 470, Los Angeles, CA 90025



Q&A from 02138... Christina A. Nguyen '15

Christina A. Nguyen '15 is a pre-medical student concentrating in Sociology, with a secondary in Global Health and Health Policy (GHHP). She was born in Orange, California and graduated from Northwood High School in Irvine. Christina was the founder, coach, and president of her high school's first Orange County Academic Decathlon club and team, which she led to 2nd and 3rd place overall in its first two years of competing. She volunteers as a speech judge with the Orange County Department of Education when she is back home. She continues to be an Ambassador for Operation: Military Kids, the U.S. Army's collaborative effort with America's communities to support military children impacted by deployment. Having heard about her parents' experiences in the Vietnam War, she has always been aware of the sacrifices and challenges that those in the military face.

Christina is a senior in Quincy House. She took her sophomore spring off to work in the National Economic Council at the White House, where she developed talking points, datasets, and figures for the State of Union, state-by-state sequester impacts, and the President's budget. She also helped organize the First Lady's White House Forum on Military Credentialing and Licensing, which focused on the discussion around ways to make the transition from the military to civilian life easier for service members in medical occupations. One of the discussions she was involved with was led by former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius. At Harvard, she is one of twelve house representatives elected to the Senior Class Committee; a pre-med mentor; a peer tutor in statistics, chemistry, and physics; and a former member of the Leadership Institute at Harvard College. She is an undergraduate research scholar at the Institute for Quantitative Social Science, and also conducts breast cancer research at Massachusetts General Hospital in the Department of Medicine. She has published in JAMA Internal Medicine, as well as the Harvard Health Policy Review and The Harvard Undergraduate Research Journal. She also presented three single-authored papers at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting alongside professors, graduate students, and other researchers in February. This past summer, she received the GHHP Cordeiro Fellowship to conduct e-health research and the Rockefeller Grant to study abroad at the University of Cambridge, where she took classes in animal behavior and robotics. She also spent part of her summer working at MGH and remotely at IQSS. She plans to apply to medical school this year, and hopes to pursue a career that merges medicine, research, and public policy.

HCSC: What surprised you about being a student at Harvard?

CN: The excitement, surprise, and appreciation for being a Harvard student never gets old. Three and a half years later, I still think about how lucky I am to be here, to be surrounded by people who are so passionate about the variety of activities that they are involved in, and by Harvard's numerous resources and exhibits. Yet, there is still so much to see and experience. I couldn't have imagined spending my undergraduate years anywhere else.

HCSC: When was the first time you visited Harvard and what were your impressions at that time?

CN: I first visited Harvard with my family when I was in 5th grade; I honestly cannot remember much from that day, except that I did indeed touch John Harvard's golden foot. However, I can remember very vividly my second time at Harvard, during Visitas. After 14 long hours of traveling difficulties, I found myself walking along Garden Street, heading from the Yard to Agassiz House. Not one full day had passed, and I already missed Harvard. Unlike other school visits, I knew I would be really sad if I never came back.

HCSC: What was your favorite class (or professor) and why?

CN: Harvard's faculty members have all impacted me in different ways: Frank Dobbin, Professor of Sociology, gave me the opportunity to present and discuss my research at the graduate level in his economic sociology research group as a sophomore; Lu Wang (preceptor) taught me that being good at a subject begins and ends with

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self-confidence; and Warner Slack, professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, showed me the selflessness and compassion that I want to have as a person and as a physician. It is not only the professors, but also the rest of the Harvard teaching staff and administrators that help create a welcoming and supportive learning environment for all of us.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

CN: During my senior year: my friend and I were standing to the side, waiting for our other friend to buy her ticket for Evening with Champions, the annual ice skating show that raises money for cancer research. When she got to the ticket counter, she turned around with this huge smile on her face, and exclaimed, “Oh, that’s awesome! There’s a discount for seniors?!” “I’m a senior!” she said to the student selling tickets. We all kind of just looked at each other and started cracking up when she realized what the sign actually meant.

HCSC: If you were President of Harvard, what would you change?

CN: As Quincy House Representative for the Class of 2015, I have realized the number of students who feel disconnected from both their houses and class communities. This can make it difficult for some students to connect with others and work together to make a bigger difference than they could individually. As President of Harvard, I would put a greater emphasis on building relationships and cultivating teamwork skills through more project-based classes, class-specific activities early on, and inter-house collaborations.

HCSC: What do you miss most about Southern California (other than the weather and family and friends)?

CN: I miss the nonexistent need for public transportation – the ability to jump into the car and drive to places without having to check the train or bus schedule on my phone, waiting for the next one to come. I miss being able to walk along the trail in my neighborhood, to glide down the slides of my elementary school, and to circle the bookshelves of the libraries in which my imagination grew as a child. I miss seeing my mom when I wake up and my brother when he comes home; I miss being in the place where I grew up.

HCSC: How do you think Southern California will figure into your future after Harvard?

CN: Southern California will always hold a special place in my heart, and the image of light breezes and rays of sunshine are particularly vivid on days flooded by snow (snow days aren’t a thing in California!). Although I ultimately want to settle down in So Cal, I am open to the doors and opportunities that appear for me in other places around the world. Regardless, the 92620 and 02138 zip codes will always be home.

(These interviews are a regular contribution to the HCSC Newsletter and will spotlight students enrolled at Harvard who are from Southern California. Nominations to profile students from our region are invited.)



New Harvard Healthcare SIG

Over the past several years, the Harvard Alumni Association has expanded outreach efforts to reconnect alumni around common interests, professions, passions, and identities. There are now 50 "SIGs" (Shared Interest Groups), but not one is for doctors or people interested in health care. We'd like to change that with the creation of the Harvard Alumni Healthcare SIG. We are building a virtual network of Harvard alums involved or interested in healthcare to reconnect us and then see what happens. Please join us! ~ Founders: Keith Gross '83 and Cara Familian Natterson '92. Please join at www.HarvardAlumniHealthcare.com.

For more details, please contact Keith Gross '83 at KeithGross@HarvardAlumniHealthcare.com



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

To recommend an event or volunteer for one, contact one of our Programs VPs. Contact information can be found on page 2.
 *All checks for events are non-refundable unless explicitly stated otherwise. Unless specifically noted, RSVPs are not confirmed.

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